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Remarks

Reconsideration of remaining claims 1, 2 and 4 -17 is respectfully requested.

In the Office action dated March 9, 2005 (application Paper No. not shown), the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 5 and 10-12. The remaining claims were cited by the Examiner as "objected to" in depending from a rejected base claim, but containing patentable subject matter.

In response, applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the limitations of objected-to claim 3. Claim 3 has therefore been cancelled. Applicant believes that with this amendment, the claims are now in condition for allowance and thus respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider his rejection and find the remaining claims ready to issue. If for some reason or other the Examiner does not agree that the case is ready to issue and that an interview or telephone conversation would further the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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